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MERCHANTS AND IMPORTATION OF FOOD-STUFFS

115. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether at the time of scarcity merchants had approached the Government for permission to get down food-stuffs from outside on their own initiative and responsibility?

(*b*) was permission denied by Government in such cases;

(*c*) if so, what are the reasons?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Permission was given at first but after Government took on responsibility of direct procurement, it had to be refused.

(*c*) The early applications were mostly for the import of rice. Quotas were given therefore but most of the quota-holders failed either completely or partially, to import the rice. The system was found to require radical change as the State was on the verge of serious food crisis. This necessitated the State taking on responsibility for direct procurement.

ARECANUT MARKETING SOCIETY IN TALAPPALLY

116. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) was there not an Arecanut Marketing Society in Talapally Taluk organised during the days of the last economic depression;

(*b*) does it function now;

(*c*) if not what was the reason for its winding up;

(*d*) were there persons in its management whose personal interest were in conflict with those of the society;

(*e*) what aid did the Government give to that society?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The society worked satisfactorily during the initial stages. But due to the apathy of the members, competition of private traders, and the very bad slump in the arecanut market, the business done was not on a large scale and the society had to sustain severe loss. In such circumstances the society's registration had to be cancelled.

(*d*) Government are not aware that such persons were in its management.

(*e*) The society was given loans to the extent of Rs. 5,500. The pay of the Secretary was also met by Government.

CHETTUPUZHA VILLAGE COURT

117. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) which all Panchayats comprise the Chettupuzha Village Court;

(*b*) how many members are there in each of the said Panchayats;

(*c*) how many members of the Ayyanthole Panchayat are represented in the Chettupuzha Village Court and how many from the Erava Panchayat;

(*d*) on what basis are the members of the Village Court selected?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) (1) Erava Panchayat (2) Pullazhi and portions of Ayyanthole and Aranattukara Villages of Ayyanthole Panchayat.

(*b*) In Erava Panchayat—5 members. In Ayyanthole Panchayat constituting Pullazhi, Ayyanthole, Aranattukara and Punkunnam Villages—7 members.

(*c*) One member from the Erava Panchayat and one member from the Ayyanthole Panchayat have been nominated as Judges of the Chettupuzha Village Court.

(*d*) The members (Judges) of the Village Courts are nominated on the basis of their efficiency and ability, always keeping in view communal representation wherever possible and the qualifications prescribed in Rule 3 of the Cochin Village Court Rules of 1118.

IRRIGATION WORK—CHATHAN CHIRA—KUMARANELLUR VILLAGE

118. Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if any Irrigation Work has been taken up at Chathan Chira in Kumaranellur Village, Talappally Taluk;

(*b*) if so when ;
(*c*) at what stage it is now ;
(*d*) if any damage has been caused to it now by monsoon ;
(*e*) whether any harm has been caused to the agriculturists by leaving the work incomplete?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*
(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) In 1119.
(*c*) The work of the main bund and surplus weir has been carried out and the sluice portion remains to be completed.
(*d*) No. Some minor rectifications will have to be carried out and the same will be carried out before the work is completed.
(*e*) No.

EDAKUNNI DOBI TANK

119. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) whether the Edakunni Dobi Tank was cleaned in 1120;
(*b*) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, whether its fishing right was auctioned as usual;
(*c*) what is the proceeds from the sale if any ;
(*d*) whether there had been any complaint regarding this matter?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*
(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) No. There was no fish in the tank.
(*c*) In the light of answer to (*b*) no answer is necessary.
(*d*) No.

COMMERCIAL INSTITUTE

120. Mr. M. O. Thmakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) the names of those who are appointed in the Government Commercial Institute in 1120 and what are their qualifications ;
(*b*) what is the qualification prescribed by the Government for the appointment of Teachers who are to coach up students for the Madras Government Technical Examination ;
(*c*) whether the Calcutta B. Com. Degree is sufficient for teaching and sending up students for the Madras Government Technical Examination ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*
(*a*) (1) Mr. K. J. Vareed, B.A., Diploma in Commerce, Typewriting (Lower). Secondary Trained, Commercial teacher. (2) Mr. M. M. Varkey, B.A., M.L., Lecturer in Mercantile Law.
(*b*) The qualification prescribed for the commercial teacher is B.A. and Diploma in Commerce
(*c*) Yes.

Announcements of the names of Members for the Labour Advisory Committee

Mr. President : I have to announce that nominations of the following two members alone have been received for the election to the Advisory Committee for Labour, Mr. P. T. Jacob and Mr. P. V. Sebastian. The Hon'ble Members have accordingly been duly elected to the Committee.

Official Bills

1. The Cochin Village Courts Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I move that the Cochin Village Courts Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General) :* I second it.

Motion put and carried

2. The Cochin Co-operative society Act (Amendment) Bill

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development) :* I move that the Cochin Co-operative Societies Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

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